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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Philippines*: draft resolution

Ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, as amended, on the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as an organ of the General Assembly,

Reaffirming the important role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as a principal organ of the General Assembly in the field of trade and development and as the most appropriate focal point within the United Nations proper for the integrated treatment of development and interrelated issues in key areas, including trade, commodities, finance, investment, services and technology, in the interests of all countries, in particular developing ones,

Recalling the far-reaching institutional reform measures adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session regarding the functions, intergovernmental machinery, methods of work and substantive orientations of the Conference,

Expressing its satisfaction with the early and unanimous agreement reached by the Trade and Development Board, at the second part of its forty-first

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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session, on the development-oriented provisional agenda for the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, encompassing major issues of current concern at both macro- and microeconomic levels under the unifying theme of "Promoting growth and sustainable development in a globalizing and liberalizing world economy", 1/

Considering that the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is the major intergovernmental economic and development event of 1996 within the United Nations that can deepen further the consensus reached on "A New Partnership for Development: the Cartagena Commitment" 2/ and complement the continuum of major United Nations thematic conferences that have taken place recently,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Trade and Development Board that the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should take place in Midrand, Gauteng Province, South Africa, from 27 April to 11 May 1996, to be preceded by a one-day meeting of senior officials on 26 April 1996,

1. Welcomes with appreciation the generous offer made by the Government of South Africa to host the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. Decides to convene the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Midrand, Gauteng Province, South Africa, from 27 April to 11 May 1996, to be preceded by a one-day meeting of senior officials in the same place on 26 April 1996;

3. Stresses the crucial importance of the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in advancing the dialogue on international economic cooperation for trade and development and affirms the need to achieve through the session a constructive and action-oriented outcome;

4. Calls upon all Member States to ensure their full participation, at the highest political level, at the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

5. Urges all Member States to take appropriate steps in order to ensure adequate preparations at the national, regional and interregional levels and within the framework of the permanent machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for the purpose of facilitating a positive and action-oriented outcome.

1/ See document A/50/15 (vol. I), chap. I, sect. A.

2/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Eighth Session, Report and Annexes (TD/364/Rev.1) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.II.D.5), part one, sect. A.